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# OFFICIAL GAZETTE

## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

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Home (General) Department

Order

No. 1-7-88-HD (G)

Whereas it has been reported that some school children who were participating in the rehearsals for the Republic Day Parade went to the Miramar Beach at Panjim on the morning/afternoon of Saturday 23rd January, 1988 and three of them were later reported to have been drowned at the Beach and

Whereas it was reported that the children had come early in the morning of 23rd January, 1988 to the Campal Ground for the parade rehearsals and

Whereas the drowning incident took place at Miramar Beach and efforts to rescue the children are reported to have failed in three cases,

Whereas request for an ambulance was made immediately after the drowning but was allegedly refused on the ground that payment had to be made first.

Now therefore the Government hereby orders the District Magistrate of North District, Shri Denghnauna to inquire and report into the following:—

- (i) The circumstances in which the children went to the Miramar Beach and began swimming there without being accompanied by anyone responsible for their safe conduct,
- (ii) The circumstances which led to the drowning of the two children at the Beach,
- (iii) Whether efforts to rescue the children were made, if so by whom and with what result,
- (iv) Whether medical aid was called for and whether the provision of the same was timely and efficacious,
- (v) Whether there was any negligence on the part of any individual or institution which resulted in the tragedy and if so to what extent,
- (vi) What steps were taken to recover the body of the third victim who was reported to have been washed away by the water current,
- (vii) Together with the steps that ought to be taken in the future to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

The District Magistrate will do an open enquiry and give his report to the Government as soon as practicably possible from the issue of the order.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

K. N. S. Nair, Joint Secretary (Home).

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